

 polyolefin fiber, glass fiber, silica fiber, aramide fiber, carbon fiber, polytetrafluoroethylene fiber, insoluble collagen fiber, polyester fiber, polyvinyl chloride or polyvinylidene chloride fiber, polyvinyl alcohol fiber, polyacrylonitrile fiber, chitosan fiber, polyurethane fiber, polyethylene phthalate fiber, fibers formed from a mixture of polymers, and surgical fibers.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. Applicant has amended claim 7 to remove the trademark TEFLON, since its generic term, polytetrafluoroethylene, was already recited just before the trademark name. Therefore, this Amendment and reply adds no new matter. A marked-up version of prior pending claim 7 with the change shown appears in Appendix A.

II. Election of Species/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has maintained her election of species requirement and her restriction requirement and made both requirements final for the reasons stated in the Office Action at pages 2-3. Applicant maintains her traversal for the reasons of record and adds the comments below.

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